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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of:

RM - 7747

To: The Commission

COMMENTS

I feel that the American Radio Relay League's petition for Amateur Radio usage of 216 to 220 Mhz by digital modes warrants favorable action by the Federal Communications Commission.

The ARRL has taken the time to study and receive favorable comments by others on additional Amateur Radio usage, on a secondary basis, of this portion of radio spectrum. They found that usage by digital modes, in a point to point configuration, will have minimal impact on any present users. This is an important consideration, when looking at the crowded spectrum.

Additionally, digital routes with higher baud rates and multiuser capacity could be accommodated here. More technical experimentation and innovation, directly benefiting many, such as linking school radio groups in realtime, use by others in day to day, and emergency usage, could also take place in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

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